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A Look at Media Bias

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Liberal National Media Helped Cause Border Crisis

From Congressman Lamar Smith's Remarks on the House Floor ...

“The crisis at the border is a result of the president’s allowing half a million illegal immigrants to stay in the country. The liberal national media also are responsible for creating this crisis. The Media Research Center found that from June 8th through July 1st, eighty-nine percent of news stories on ABC, NBC and CBS failed to mention that President Obama’s policies have encouraged the surge of illegal minors at the border.

Accuracy in Media Editor Roger Aronoff pointed out that...the media push a pro-amnesty agenda and have dropped the term ‘illegal’ from their vocabulary. But there is a huge difference between legal and illegal immigrants.”

Journalism Groups: The Administration Censors the News

From *Washington Secrets* ...

“Thirty-eight journalism groups have assailed the president’s team for censoring media coverage, limiting access to top officials and overall ‘politically-driven suppression of the news.’ In a letter to President Obama, the 38, led by the Society of Professional Journalists, said efforts by government officials to stifle or block coverage has grown for years and reached a high-point under his administration...”

NBC Ignores Gov. Perry’s Decision to Send Troops to the Border

From the *Media Research Center* ...

“Texas Governor Rick Perry announced he was deploying up to 1,000 National Guard troops to the Texas-Mexico border to help deal with the ongoing crisis of thousands of illegal immigrants flooding into the United States from Central America. Despite Governor Perry’s decision, NBC *Nightly News* ignored the story altogether [the night of Gov. Perry’s announcement]...”

O’Reilly: ‘Liberal Press’ Wrong on the Border Crisis

From the *O’Reilly Factor* ...

“The liberal press is telling us, the kids are coming to the USA because they are in danger in their Central American countries...The truth is Central America has always been a cauldron of corruption...There are two main reasons why it’s happening, **first, the border is not secure. And second, the Obama administration has sent signals to the world that legal consideration will be given to people who come here illegally.** The problem has been developing for years. But President Obama has done nothing about it.”

Wash Post Only Reports One Side of Gaza Strip Attacks

From *NewsBusters* ...

“The *Washington Post* devoted a story and two large color photographs on [July 21, 2014] to a small leftist protest against Israel. ‘STOP FUNDING ISRAEL TERROR – CODEPINK.ORG’ was splayed across a large picture. Nowhere in this brief story loaded with attacks on Israel’s killing of Palestinian women and children is there any reference to more than 1,700 Hamas rocket attacks on Israeli civilians...”

Media Bias Censors Climate Change Debate

From the *Fiscal Times* ...

“Increasingly, the liberal media is refusing to publish or present the views of those who challenge the science behind climate change. This is censorship...[This debate leads to] far-reaching decisions, which could affect the well-being of millions of people — they should be made with the most informed and open debate possible. Refusing to acknowledge that differences exist — even within the scientific community — is dishonest and unacceptable.”

CBS, NBC Ignore DOJ Probe into Lost IRS Emails

From *NewsBusters* ...

“Both CBS *This Morning* and NBC’s *Today* chose to ignore the latest news in the IRS scandal [the morning of July 17th, 2014] that the Department of Justice will be investigating the disappearance and destruction of emails pertaining to former IRS official Lois Lerner.”